

October 18, 2017

The Public Service Commission convened in the Commission Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota, on October 18, 2017, 01:30 p.m. Present were Commissioners Christmann, Kroshus and Fedorchak.

Minutes

Mr. Christmann: I move the minutes of October 4, 2017, be approved.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. AU-17-378
Ryan Louis Dorran
Auctioneer
License Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission approve the auctioneer license application for Ryan Louis Dorran, Didsbury, Alberta, Canada.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-666
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
2016 Electric Rate Increase
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a filing fee refund in the amount of \$28,154.02 in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., 2016 Electric Rate Increase, Application, Case No. PU-16-666.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-270
Northern States Power Company
Advance Prudence - Biomass PPAs
Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission execute an economic analysis contract with PA Consulting Group, Inc. for consulting services in Northern States Power Company, Advance Prudence – Biomass PPAs, Application, Case No. PU-17-270, Northern States Power Company, Deferred Accounting – Biomass PPAs, Application, Case No. PU-17-271, and Northern States Power Company, Deferred Accounting – Laurentian PPA Termination, Application, Case No. PU-17-322.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-322
Northern States Power Company
Deferred Accounting - Laurentian PPA
Termination
Application

Case No. PU-17-366
Otter Tail Power Company
Scott Craven - Ramsey County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Otter Tail Power Company, Scott Craven – Ramsey County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-366.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-331
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Hal Ross - Burke County
Public Convenience & Necessity

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission adopt the Order on Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity in Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., a Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc., Hal Ross – Burke County, Public Convenience & Necessity, Case No. PU-17-331.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-11-696
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
345 kV Trans. Line -
Mercer, Dunn, McKenzie, Williams
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission grant Applicant's request to clear-cut trees and shrubs for up to the 150-foot width of the right-of-way in Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 345 kV Transmission Line, Mercer, Dunn, McKenzie, Williams, Siting Application, Case No. PU-11-696 and North Killdeer Loop Phase I 345 kV Transmission, Siting Application, Case No. PU-14-813

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-14-813
Basin Electric Power Cooperative
North Killdeer Loop Phase I 345 kV
Transmission
Siting Application

Case No. PU-12-40
Plains Pipeline, L.P.
Nelson to Ross Pipeline –
Mountrail County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission find that the tree and shrub mitigation is satisfactory and issue a siting application fee final refund in the amount of \$10,200 in Plains Pipeline, L. P., Crude Oil Pipeline – Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-12-40.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-420
Caliber Bear Den Interconnect LLC
12.75-inch Crude Oil Pipeline -
McKenzie County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee interim refund in the amount of \$28,993.16 in Caliber Bear Den Interconnect LLC, 12.75-Inch Crude Oil Pipeline – McKenzie County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-16-420.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-671
Antelope Hills Wind Pjct /
West Branch Wind Pjct
Transfer of Siting Certificates and
Permit
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee refund in the amount of \$23,413.00 in Antelope Hills Wind Pjct / West Branch Wind Pjct, Transfer of Siting Certificates and Permits, Siting Application, Case No. PU-16-671.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-16-753
Savage Bakken Connector, Inc.
10-Inch Crude Pipeline Project -
Williams County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee interim refund in the amount of \$4,888.32 in Savage Bakken Connector, Inc., 10-Inch Crude Pipeline Project – Williams County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-16-753.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-48
Arrow Field Services, LLC
10-Inch & 8-Inch NGL
Pipeline Project - McKenzie
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission acknowledge withdrawal of the company's Application for Route and Corridor Adjustment in Arrow Field Services, LLC, 10-Inch & 8-Inch NGL Pipeline Project, McKenzie County, North Dakota, Case No. PU-17-48.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-48
Arrow Field Services, LLC
10-Inch & 8-Inch NGL
Pipeline Project - McKenzie
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee interim refund in the amount of \$11,961.07 in Arrow Field Services, LLC, 10-Inch & 8-Inch NGL Pipeline Project – McKenzie, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-48.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-117
Whiting Oil and Gas Corp /
QEP Field Services, LLC
Transfer of Site Certificate
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee refund in the amount of \$9,916.68 in Whiting Oil and Gas Corp / QEP Field Services, LLC, Transfer of Site Certificate, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-117.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-157
Whiting Oil and Gas Corp. /
QEP Field Services, LLC
Transfer - Certificate #124 &
Permit #133
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission issue a siting application fee refund in the amount of \$9,916.67 in Whiting Oil and Gas Corp / QEP Field Services, LLC, Transfer – Certificate #124 & Permit #133, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-157.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-284
Foxtail Wind, LLC
Foxtail Wind Energy Center –
Dickey County
Siting Application

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission correct an administrative error specifying an incorrect hearing date of November 30, 2017 that should have been November 20, 2017 in the Notice of Filing and Notice of Hearing issued October 4, 2017 in Foxtail Wind, LLC, Foxtail Wind Energy Center – Dickey County, Siting Application, Case No. PU-17-284.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Coal Regulatory and AML Programs
2017 OSM Evaluation Reports

Mr. Christmann: I move the Commission accept the Federal Office of Surface Mining's 2017 Evaluation Reports for the Coal Regulatory and Abandoned Mine Lands Programs.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-268
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Advance Prudence –
Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion
Application

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Case No. PU-17-269
Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.,
a Division of MDU Resources
Thunder Spirit Wind Expansion Project
Public Convenience & Necessity

Case No. PU-17-356
Northern States Power Company
Customer Service Hours –
Electric Tariff

Mr. Kroshus: Believing that there will be no prejudice to the rights of the parties or the public interest, and finding the cases involve similar questions of law or fact, I move the Commission consolidate for notice of hearing, under North Dakota Administrative Code section 69-02-04-04, Northern States Power Company, Customer Service Hours – Electric, Tariff, Case No. PU-17-356 and Northern States Power Company, Customer Service Hours – Natural Gas, Tariff, Case No. PU-17-357.

Case No. PU-17-357
Northern States Power Company
Customer Service Hours –
Natural Gas Tariff

I further move the Commission issue a Notice of Opportunity For Consolidated Hearing in the applications of Northern States Power Company for approval to modify its Customer Service Hours in Case Nos. PU-17-356 and PU-17-357.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-364
Northern States Power Company
Renewable Resource Cost
Recovery (2018)
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission suspend the tariff filing and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Renewable Resource Cost Recovery (2018), Rates, Case No. PU-17-364.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-365
Northern States Power Company
Transmission Facility Cost
Recovery (2018)
Rates

Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission suspend the rates, reduce the filing fee to \$10,000 and issue a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing in Northern States Power Company, Transmission Facility Cost Recovery (2018), Rates, Case No. PU-17-365.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

Case No. PU-17-292
Northern States Power Company
Pipeline Safety Enforcement

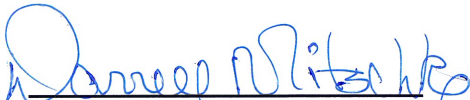
Mr. Kroshus: I move the Commission adopt the Order in Public Service Commission, Northern States Power Co of Minnesota, Pipeline Safety Enforcement, Case No. GS-17-292.

Ms. Fedorchak: I second the motion.

Roll Call: All voting "Aye."

ATTEST

THE COMMISSION ADJOURNED AT 3:27 P.M.


Executive Secretary



RANDY CHRISTMANN, CHAIRMAN